OUTGOING MESSAGE Approved For Release 2000/09/14 : CIA-RDP78S01962490404002000 CIA/OCI/WHIZWH SECRET MEDICO MESSAGE REFERENCE NUMBER DATE-TIME GROUP CIVIBH22 **SOURCE REF:** 10 2 8 3 6 9 12 TO: IMMEDIATE UNITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR 25X1A MARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED ITEN NO: ISRAELI SENSITIVITY TO REPORTS OF THE PRESENCE SUBJECT: OF SCUDS IN SYRIA REP SECRET MFD/CD 25X1A PUBLIC DISCUSSION IN THE US OF THE PRESENCE OF SCUD MISSILES IN SYRIA HAS RAISED SERVOUS PUESTIONS IN ISRAEL. AND THE SUBJECT MAY BE DISCUSSED WITH STORF-TARY KISSINGER DURING HIZ COMING VISIT TO ISRAEL. ISRAELIS QUESTION WHY THE SOVIETS WOULD IMPORT OR IMPLANT SHOW UN BEAPON AS THE SCUD INTO SYRIA AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY IN THE HIDST OF A STEADY BARRAGE OF REPORTS OF VARYING INTERSITY TO THE AFFECT THAT THE SYMIAMS WOULD IMITIATE MOSTILITIES. ZIJJARZI JHT INDELISVE THAT THE PRESENCE OF THIS GUEAPON IN SYRIA IS NUCH HOPE DATE: ORIG: UNIT: EXT: SENSITIVE

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SERIOUS THAN IN EGYPT BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMIST NATURE OF THE SYRIAMS. THE PRESENCE OF THE TACTICAL FROG BEAPON HAS CAUSED DEED CONCERN IN ISRAEL. BUT THE PRESENCE OF THE SCUD IS BUCH MORE SERIOUS.

COMMENT: PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN STRAEL OF ANY SYRIAN CAPABILITY
TO STRIKE AT POPULATED ISRAELI CITIES, AS HOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH THE
SCUDS, CLEARLY HAS IMMEDIATE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. THE
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME PUPLIC PESPONSE TO
POPULAR PRESSURE FOR INFORMATION ON AND ACTION AGAINST THIS THREAT.

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